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Series Title: INTIMACY WITH GOD & FLOWING WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Today's Message: (Part 5): The Flow of Grace

Rooted in Grace ➡ *After God's Heart & Mind* ➡ *Victory*

REVIEW:

[Jhn 17:3 NIV] [3] Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

Intimacy: closeness, oneness, partnership, participation, relationship, unity, satisfying

INTIMACY Strong's Concordance G2842: koinōnia --- koy-no-neeah

= fellowship; association; community; communion; joint participation; intercourse

IN –TO – ME – SEE

GRACE

Strong's Definition: *cháris* (from G5463); graciousness (as gratifying), of manner or act (abstract or concrete; literal, figurative or spiritual; especially the divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life; including gratitude):—acceptable, benefit, favour, gift, grace(-ious), joy, liberality, pleasure, thank(-s, -worthy).

Outline of Biblical Usage

- I. Grace
 - A. that which affords joy, pleasure, delight, sweetness, charm, loveliness: grace of speech
- II. Good will, loving-kindness, favour
 - A. of the merciful kindness by which God, exerting his holy influence upon souls, turns them to Christ, keeps, strengthens, increases them in Christian faith, knowledge, affection, and kindles them to the exercise of the Christian virtues
- III. What is due to grace
 - A. the spiritual condition of one governed by the power of divine grace
 - B. the token or proof of grace, benefit
 1. a gift of grace
 2. benefit, bounty

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IV. Thanks, (for benefits, services, favours), recompense, reward

[Eph 1:3-6 NKJV] [3] Blessed [be] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly [places] in Christ, [4] just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, [5] having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, [6] to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

[Eph 2:4-8 ESV] [4] But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, [5] even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ--by grace you have been saved-- [6] and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, [7] so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. [8] For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,

Grace is a spiritual gift and blessing. Grace is God's very nature flowing to us from the Holy Spirit. Jesus is the fullness of grace and truth, therefore, God's grace is the flow of Jesus Christ unto us. We have been given an abundant supply of grace through the Spirit who lives in us. God has made His Spirit to flow within us like a river so that we follow Him like a current.

[Jhn 7:37-39 NIV] [37] On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. [38] Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." [39] By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

[Jhn 1:15-16 NIV] [15] (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' ") [16] Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given.

[Jhn 1:15-18 ESV] [15] (John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'") [16] For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. [17] For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. [18] No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

[2Co 9:8-12 NIV] [8] And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. [9] As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever." [10] Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. [11] You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through

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us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. [12] This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.

[1Ti 1:13-14 NIV] [13] Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. [14] The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

[Phm 1:25 NIV] [25] The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

[Phl 4:23 NIV] [23] The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

[2Pe 1:2 NIV] [2] Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

The Flow of God's Grace in I Samuel and II Samuel:

Through the Prophet Samuel

[1Sa 2:35 ESV] [35] And I will raise up for myself a faithful priest, who shall do according to what is in my heart and in my mind. And I will build him a sure house, and he shall go in and out before my anointed forever.

[1Sa 2:21 ESV] [21] Indeed the LORD visited Hannah, and she conceived and bore three sons and two daughters. And the boy Samuel grew in the presence of the LORD.

Several references in I and II Samuel to the number 5 which signifies grace:

1. Hannah had 5 more children (1 Sam 2:21) after she dedicated Samuel to the Lord.
2. Offering spiritual advisors told Philistines to give when they returned the ark of God to Israel was 5 golden tumors and 5 golden mice (1 Sam 6:4)
3. 5 thousand men were with Saul when in God's flow of grace (1 Sam 13:2)
4. David collected 5 smooth stones when he faced Goliath (1 Sam 17:40)
5. David asked for 5 loaves of bread from the priest when he was running from Saul...ate the consecrated bread (1 Sam 21:5-6) which represented the presence of the Lord
6. Jonathan's son, Mephibosheth was 5 when news about Saul and Jonathan came to him...nurse picked him up and fled but he fell and became crippled...later when David becomes king, he has him to sit and eat at his table with him permanently. (2 Sam 4:4)

Samuel ministered to the people and led and judged Israel in grace:

Pouring out water before the Lord was a picture of the Holy Spirit...(John 7)

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[1Sa 7:6, 12, 15 ESV] [6] So they gathered at Mizpah and drew water and poured it out before the LORD and fasted on that day and said there, "We have sinned against the LORD." And Samuel judged the people of Israel at Mizpah. ... [12] Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen and called its name Ebenezer; for he said, "Till now the LORD has helped us." ... [15] Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life.

Israel saw other nations being led by kings and asked for a king instead:

[1Sa 8:5, 11, 20 ESV] [5] and said to him, "Behold, you are old and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint for us a king to judge us like all the nations." ... [11] He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen and to run before his chariots. ... [20] that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles."

Through Saul as King

[1Sa 9:2, 15, 21 ESV] [2] And he had a son whose name was Saul, a handsome young man. There was not a man among the people of Israel more handsome than he. From his shoulders upward he was taller than any of the people. ... [15] Now the day before Saul came, the LORD had revealed to Samuel: ... [21] Saul answered, "Am I not a Benjaminite, from the least of the tribes of Israel? And is not my clan the humblest of all the clans of the tribe of Benjamin? Why then have you spoken to me in this way?"

[1Sa 10:1, 6, 26-27 ESV] [1] Then Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on his head and kissed him and said, "Has not the LORD anointed you to be prince over his people Israel? And you shall reign over the people of the LORD and you will save them from the hand of their surrounding enemies. And this shall be the sign to you that the LORD has anointed you to be prince over his heritage. ... [6] Then the Spirit of the LORD will rush upon you, and you will prophesy with them and be turned into another man. ... [26] Saul also went to his home at Gibeah, and with him went men of valor whose hearts God had touched. [27] But some worthless fellows said, "How can this man save us?" And they despised him and brought him no present. But he held his peace.

[1Sa 11:6, 12 ESV] [6] And the Spirit of God rushed upon Saul when he heard these words, and his anger was greatly kindled. ... [12] Then the people said to Samuel, "Who is it that said, 'Shall Saul reign over us?' Bring the men, that we may put them to death."

[1Sa 12:6, 22 ESV] [6] And Samuel said to the people, "The LORD is witness, who appointed Moses and Aaron and brought your fathers up out of the land of Egypt. ... [22] For the LORD will not forsake his people, for his great name's sake, because it has pleased the LORD to make you a people for himself.

[1Sa 13:2, 9, 12, 14, 22 ESV] [2] Saul chose three thousand men of Israel. Two thousand were with Saul in Michmash and the hill country of Bethel, and a thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin. The rest of the people he sent home, every man to his

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tent. ... [9] So Saul said, "Bring the burnt offering here to me, and the peace offerings." And he offered the burnt offering. ... [12] I said, 'Now the Philistines will come down against me at Gilgal, and I have not sought the favor of the LORD.' So I forced myself, and offered the burnt offering." ... [14] But now your kingdom shall not continue. The LORD has sought out a man after his own heart, and the LORD has commanded him to be prince over his people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you. ... [22] So on the day of the battle there was neither sword nor spear found in the hand of any of the people with Saul and Jonathan, but Saul and Jonathan his son had them.

Jonathan in Grace

[1Sa 14:6, 15, 18-19 ESV] [6] Jonathan said to the young man who carried his armor, "Come, let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised. It may be that the LORD will work for us, for nothing can hinder the LORD from saving by many or by few." ... [15] And there was a panic in the camp, in the field, and among all the people. The garrison and even the raiders trembled, the earth quaked, and it became a very great panic. ... [18] So Saul said to Ahijah, "Bring the ark of God here." For the ark of God went at that time with the people of Israel. [19] Now while Saul was talking to the priest, the tumult in the camp of the Philistines increased more and more. So Saul said to the priest, "Withdraw your hand."

David in Grace

Expressions of David's soul thirsting for God; He receives & is satisfied in the Lord:

[Psa 63:1-11 ESV] [1] A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah. O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. [2] So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. [3] Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. [4] So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands. [5] My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips, [6] when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; [7] for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy. [8] My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me. [9] But those who seek to destroy my life shall go down into the depths of the earth; [10] they shall be given over to the power of the sword; they shall be a portion for jackals. [11] But the king shall rejoice in God; all who swear by him shall exult, for the mouths of liars will be stopped.

[Psa 23:1-6 ESV] [1] A Psalm of David. The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. [2] He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. [3] He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. [4] Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. [5] You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. [6] Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

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David is a picture of Christ

[2Sa 5:4-5 NIV] [4] David was thirty years old when he became king, and he reigned forty years. [5] In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

1. Grace equips you with training and provisions. (1 Sam 17:33-35)
2. Grace puts you in the right place at the right time. (1 Sam 16:16-22)
3. Grace brings you into destiny; you don't go looking for it, it comes to you. (1 Sam 16:1-13)
4. Grace causes you to be skillful. (1 Sam 16:18, Psalm 78:72)
5. Grace is a condition of the heart – rooted in Christ. (John 1:16)
6. Grace gives proper perspective of God. (1 Sam 17:46)
7. Grace cares for the sheep – character of God. (1 Sam 17:34, 2 Sam 24:17)
8. Grace causes you to be fruitful and have good success (1 Sam 18:14, 30:8)
9. Grace is misunderstood (1 Sam 17:28)
10. Grace sees the Lord as the deliverer. (1 Sam 17:37)
11. Grace is your armor...in grace you take no armor of your own. (1 Sam 17:39)
12. Grace goes out in the Name of the Lord (1 Sam 17:46)
13. Grace desires God's name to be made known. (1 Sam 17:46)
14. Grace does twice as much. (1 Sam 18:25-27)
15. Grace delivers the enemy into our hands (1 Sam 24:18)
16. Grace saves us. (Eph 2:8)
17. Grace provides for us. (1 Sam 21:6, 9 – bread and sword for David)
18. Grace increases us and our support. (1 Sam 22:2 (400 men) to 27:2 (600 men))
19. Grace stays in the strongholds. (1 Sam 23:29, 24:22)
20. Grace strengthens 1 Sam 30:6)
21. Grace restores all that was lost (1 Sam 30:17-19)
22. Grace distributes justly and freely – no respecter (1 Sam 30:24)
23. Grace gives generously (1 Sam 30:26-31)
24. Grace follows pathway of righteousness and faithfulness (1 Sam 26:23)
25. Grace rewards (1 Sam 26:23-24)
26. Grace seeks the counsel of the Lord before responding to the enemy's attack (1 Sam 30:8, 2 Sam 2:1-2, 5:17-19, 5:23-25)
27. Grace defeats the enemy before us (2 Sam 31:4-6)
28. Grace honors God's anointed (1 Sam 24:10-12, 1 Sam 26:9-11, 2 Sam 1:14-27)
29. Grace anoints and appoints (2 Sam 2:4)
30. Grace values life and justice (2 Sam 1:14-27, 3:26-39, 4:7-12)
31. Grace praises God without shame (2 Sam 6:14-16, 21-22)
32. Grace gives rest from enemies (2 Sam 7:1)
33. Grace is humble (2 Sam 6:22)
34. Grace makes your name great (2 Sam 7:9)
35. Grace establishes and continues forever (2 Sam 7:16)
36. Grace administers justice (2 Sam 8:15)
37. Grace goes beyond what is required without being asked – gives liberally (2 Sam 9:1-11)

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38. Grace shows kindness to unlikely ones (2 Sam 10:1-2)

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